

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace drawing sheets 1, 3, 5 and 6 depicting Figs. 1, 3 and 5-8 with the enclosed Replacement Sheets.

See attachment of Replacement Drawings.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 26-41 are pending in this application. In the March 20, 2007 office action, the

Examiner:

A. Allowed claims 34 and 35;

B. Rejected claims 26, 28-31, 35 and 39-40 under 35 § U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,142,586 to Reial (hereinafter "Reial");

C. Objected to the Drawings because of unlabeled boxes in Figs. 1, 3, and 5-8; and

D. Objected to claims 27, 32, 36-38 and 41 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but deemed those claims allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter. In this response, applicants have amended Figs. 1, 3, and 5-8, as well as claims 26 and 35.

Applicants have canceled claims 27 and 36, without prejudice. In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in a condition for allowance.

II. Claims 26 and 28-32

Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 27, and thus represents claim 27 rewritten in independent format. In the March 20, 2007 office action, the Examiner deemed claim 27 allowable if rewritten in independent format. Because claim 26 as amended represents claim 27 rewritten in independent format, it is respectfully submitted that

claim 26 is in a condition for allowance.

Claims 28-32 all depend from claim 26 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

III. Claims 35 and 37-41

Claim 35 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 36, and thus represents claim 36 rewritten in independent format. In the March 20, 2007 office action, the Examiner deemed claim 36 allowable if rewritten in independent format. Because claim 35 as amended represents claim 36 rewritten in independent format, it is respectfully submitted that claim 35 is in a condition for allowance.

Claims 37-41 all depend from claim 35 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

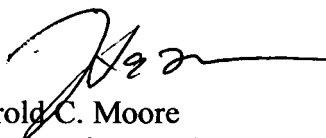
IV. Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted the applicant has made a patentable contribution to the art. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is therefore respectfully requested.

In the event applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of an additional fee, the applicant conditionally petitions therefore, and authorizes any fee deficiency to be charged to deposit account 13-0014.

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